

management of the Components in the system and may erect, equip, and repair buildings; purchase libraries, furniture, apparatus, fuel, and other necessary supplies; employ and discharge Presidents or principals, teachers, treasurers, and other employees; and fix the salaries of the persons so employed; and perform such other acts as in the judgment of the Board contribute to the development of the Components in the System or the welfare of their students.<sup>2</sup> The Board has authority to promulgate and enforce such rules, regulations, and orders for the operation, control, and management of the system and its Component institutions as the Board may deem either necessary or desirable. When a power is vested in the Board, the Board may adopt a rule, regulation, or order delegating such power to any officer, employee, or committee as the Board may designate.<sup>3</sup>

2.2 Limitations on Authority. The Board has no authority except as delegated to it by law. Knowledge of the limitations of its authority is imputed to all persons, firms, and corporations dealing with the Board.

2.3 Degrees, Certificates and Diplomas

2.31 Award. The *Texas Education Code, Section 95.24*, authorizes the Board to determine conditions for the award of degrees, certificates and diplomas. The Board hereby delegates to the president of each component authority to grant degrees, certificates and diplomas upon the recommendation of the respective faculty, deans, and provosts. All such degrees, certificates and diplomas shall bear the signatures of the component president, the system chancellor, and the chairman of the Board of Regents.

2.32 Revocation. The Board hereby provides notice that the granting of any degrees, certificates or diplomas is specifically conditioned upon the truth of representations made by the student in the admission process and also upon honesty in completion of his or her academic work. When the Board determines that a degree, certificate, diploma, or admission to the institution and/or the academic program was obtained through fraud, mistake, or academic dishonesty, the Board may revoke the degree, certificate, or diploma, provided the Component has afforded the degree, certificate, or diploma recipient due process of law.

### 3. COMPOSITION.

The Board of Regents of The Texas State University System is composed of nine members appointed by the Governor of Texas with the advice and consent of the State Senate. Board members are appointed to serve six-year terms

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<sup>2</sup>*Education Code, Section 95.21 (a).*

<sup>3</sup>*Education Code, Section 95.21 (b).*

expiring February 1 of odd-numbered years, with three members being appointed biennially.

On or after February 1 of each year, the Governor selects a non-voting student regent to serve a one-year term. The student regent has the same powers and duties as members of the Board of Regents, including the right to participate in meetings of the Board, except that he or she may not: a) vote on any matter before the Board; b) make or second any motion before the Board; c) be counted in determining whether a quorum exists; or, d) be counted in determining the outcome of any vote before the Board.

The Board of Regents of The Texas State University System governs the following Components:

3.1 Comprehensive Universities:

- 3.11 Lamar University in Beaumont;
- 3.12 Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, including a Multi-Institution Teaching Center ("MITC") at the Woodlands;
- 3.13 Sul Ross State University in Alpine, including the Rio Grande College with campuses in Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Uvalde, and Castroville.
- 3.14 Texas State University, including the Round Rock Higher Education Center;

3.2 Two-year Colleges or Institutes:

- 3.21 Lamar Institute of Technology in Beaumont;
- 3.22 Lamar State College-Orange; and,
- 3.23 Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

4. MEETINGS.

All meetings of the Board of Regents shall be open to the public and publicly announced as required by the *Open Meetings Act*.<sup>4</sup> A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, and no formal action shall be taken by the Board in the absence of a quorum. Proxies shall not be recognized. Parliamentary procedures in Board meetings shall conform to Robert's Rules of Order when not in conflict with System rules.

- 4.1 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Regents shall be held quarterly at such time and place as a majority of the Board shall determine.

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<sup>4</sup>*Government Code, Chapter 551.*